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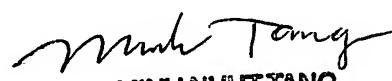
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 are allowable. However, under current Office practice governing the restriction practice in reissue application as outlined in M.P.E.P. §1450, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter. The suspension of prosecution of the instant application will be terminated upon the finding that all the claims in divisional reissue application No. 11/350,744 are found allowable. The reissue application will be merged.
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh N. Tang whose telephone number is (571) 272-1971. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-3:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael M. Fahmy or Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1705 or (571) 272-1769, respectively. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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